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NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES AND POLYPEPTIDES ENCODED THEREBY USEFUL FOR INCREASING PLANT SIZE AND INCREASING THE NUMBER AND

SIZE OF LEAVES

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